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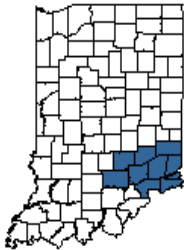
Preliminary Labor Force Estimates

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Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Research & Analysis

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This newsletter is a monthly report on a variety of statistical data for Economic Growth Region (EGR) 9. EGR 9 consists of Bartholomew, Dearborn, Decatur, Franklin, Jackson, Jefferson, Jennings, Ohio, Ripley, and Switzerland counties.



The data collected and produced for the counties, Columbus MSA and region is available by contacting the Indiana Dept. of Workforce Development in Indianapolis at 317/232-1920 or tbrown@dwd.in.gov.

SURROUNDING STATES UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

(March, not seasonally adjusted)

Illinois	4.5%
Kentucky	5.8 %
Michigan	7.2%
Ohio	5.5%

Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate 2007	Rate 2006
U. S.	152,236,000	145,323,000	6,913,000	4.5	4.8
Indiana	3,260,550	3,097,355	163,195	5.0	5.3
EGR 9	166,955	158,922	8,033	4.8	5.1
Columbus MSA	38,912	37,343	1,569	4.0	4.7
Bartholomew County	38,912	37,343	1,569	4.0	4.7
Dearborn County	26,700	25,374	1,326	5.0	5.1
Decatur County	12,519	11,875	644	5.1	4.8
Franklin County	12,249	11,485	764	6.2	6.3
Jackson County	22,388	21,436	952	4.3	4.6
Jefferson County	17,500	16,619	881	5.0	5.0
Jennings County	13,749	12,920	829	6.0	6.6
Ohio County	3,188	3,039	149	4.7	4.7
Ripley County	14,155	13,458	697	4.9	5.3
Switzerland County	5,595	5,373	222	4.0	4.6
Batesville City	3,387	3,271	116	3.4	4.1
Columbus City	20,181	19,361	820	4.1	4.7
Greensburg City	5,388	5,081	307	5.7	4.9
Madison City	6,523	6,213	310	4.8	5.0
North Vernon City	3,036	2,800	236	7.8	9.0
Seymour City	9,923	9,461	462	4.7	4.7

For the month of March, preliminary labor force estimates ranked Economic Growth Region 9 counties as follows: Bartholomew 84th, Dearborn 48th, Decatur 46th, Franklin 14th, Jackson 75th, Jefferson 49th, Jennings 19th, Ohio 68th, Ripley 56th, and Switzerland 85th. Hamilton County once again had the lowest rate in the state at 3.2% and Crawford County the highest rate at 7.6%.

REGIONAL AND STATE UNEMPLOYMENT (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

Regional and state unemployment rates were generally unchanged or lower in March. Overall, 30 states and the District of Columbia recorded over-the-month unemployment rate decreases, 12 states registered increases, and 8 states had no changes, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported.

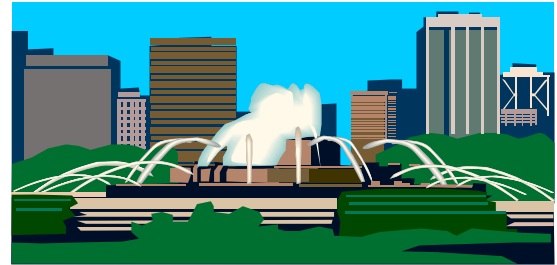
In March, the Northeast and South registered the lowest unemployment rates among the four regions, 4.1 percent each. The Midwest again reported the highest rate, 4.7 percent. The Northeast recorded the only statistically significant unemployment rate change from February (-0.2 percentage point). All four regions posted significantly lower unemployment rates in March than a year earlier: the Northeast (-0.6 percentage point), South (-0.4 point), and Midwest and West (-0.3 point each).



Columbus MSA -Includes Bartholomew County.
PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT

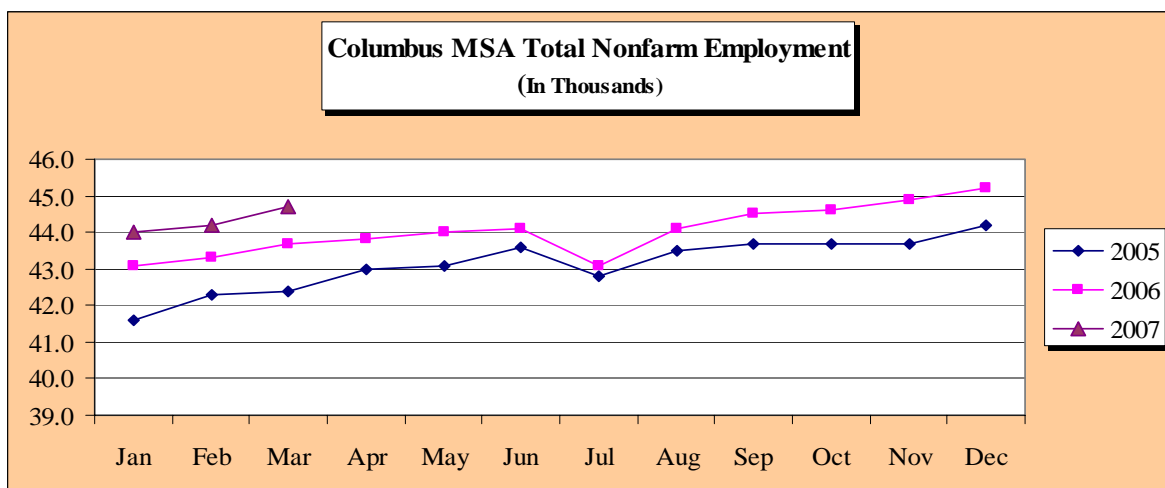


North American Industry Classification System



	MAR 2007	FEB 2007	MAR 2006	CHANGE FROM			
				FEB. 2007 TO MAR. 2007		MAR. 2006 TO MAR. 2007	
Total Nonfarm	44,700	44,200	43,700	500	1.10%	1,000	2.30%
Total Private	38,800	38,300	37,600	500	1.30%	1,200	3.20%
Goods Producing	17,700	17,400	16,700	300	1.70%	1,000	6.00%
Service-Providing	27,000	26,800	27,000	200	0.70%	0	0.00%
Private Srvc Provide	21,100	20,900	20,900	200	1.00%	200	1.00%
Mining & Construction	1,600	1,400	1,400	200	14.30%	200	14.30%
Manufacturing	16,100	16,000	15,300	100	0.60%	800	5.20%
Durable Goods	13,800	13,700	13,300	100	0.70%	500	3.80%
Trade, Transportation,	7,600	7,500	7,000	100	1.30%	600	8.60%
Wholesale Trade	1,200	1,200	1,100	0	0.00%	100	9.10%
Retail Trade	4,900	4,800	4,500	100	2.10%	400	8.90%
Trans,Warehouse, Utili	1,500	1,500	1,400	0	0.00%	100	7.10%
Information	400	400	400	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Financial Activities	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Professional and Busin	3,800	3,700	4,000	100	2.70%	-200	-5.00%
Educational and Health	3,700	3,700	3,700	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Leisure and Hospitalit	2,800	2,800	3,000	0	0.00%	-200	-6.70%
Other Services	1,200	1,200	1,200	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Government	5,900	5,900	6,100	0	0.00%	-200	-3.30%
Federal Government	200	200	200	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
State Government	900	900	900	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Local Government	4,800	4,800	5,000	0	0.00%	-200	-4.00%
Local Govt Education	1,800	1,800	1,900	0	0.00%	-100	-5.30%

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Current Employment Statistics.



TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS BY LOCAL OFFICE

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, UI Statistics



Local Office	Mar 2007	*Feb 2007	% Change	Mar 2006	% Change
Bedford	4,471	N/A	N/A	6,157	-27.4%
Columbus	6,999	N/A	N/A	6,198	12.9%
Lawrenceburg	3,616	N/A	N/A	2,954	22.4%
Madison	3,867	N/A	N/A	3,602	7.4%
INDIANA TOTALS	310,135	241,826	28.2%	292,533	6.0%

*L.O. data not available

Major Employers in Region 9

Argosy Casino Hotel
Columbus Regional Hospital
Gecom Corporation
Aisin USA Manufacturing Inc.
Valeo Sylvania
Delta Faucet Co.
Batesville Casket Company
Belterra Casino and Resort
Wal-Mart Distribution Center
Cosco
Cummins Inc.
Grand Victoria Casino and Resort



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APPLICANT POOL

Indiana Workforce Development's [Customer Self Service System \(CS3\)](#) performs matches between job applicants looking for work and employers looking for new employees. Each week *Applicant Pool* provides a numerical ranking of the top jobs being sought by job applicants registered with CS3. An applicant may select multiple job titles. The following ranking is as of 5/14/07.

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<u>JOB TITLE</u>	<u># OF APPLICANTS</u>
Assemblers (Factory)	1,436
Production Laborers	1,063
Forklift Operators	788
All Other Machine Operators	706
General Office Clerks	565
Hand Packers & Packagers	537
Cashiers	511
All Other Hand Workers	496
Receptionists	437
Administrative Assistants	412
Production Helpers	402
Production Inspectors	400
File Clerks	391
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	381
Order Fillers-Whlsle/Retail	375
Secretaries	355
Machine Assemblers	355
Data Entry, Except Composing	341
All Other Metal & Plastic Mach Oprs	326
All Other Precision Assemblers	321

Wage Demand Information-Economic Growth Region 9

As of 5/14/07

Total Applicants	Avg. Annual Wage Demand	Median Annual Wage Demand
5,088	\$26,886	\$20,800

Wage Demand provides average and median wages required by job applicants. It also provides the number of applicants in the Indiana Workforce Development's [Customer Self Service System \(CS3\)](#).



Real average weekly earnings fell by 0.5 percent from March to April after seasonal adjustment, according to preliminary data released by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. A 0.3 percent decline in average weekly hours and a 0.5 percent increase in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) were partially offset by a 0.2 percent rise in average hourly earnings.

Average weekly earnings rose by 3.4 percent, seasonally adjusted, from April 2006 to April 2007. After deflation by the CPI-W, average weekly earnings increased by 0.9 percent. Before adjustment for seasonal change and inflation, average weekly earnings were \$589.90 in April 2007, compared with \$566.81 a year earlier. (BLS News Service)

EGR 9 Quarterly Workforce Indicators

1st Quarter 2006

Qtrly Workforce Indicator	EGR9 (Q1)	(Avg:Selected + 3 Prior qtrs)
Total Employment	129,454	134,475
Net Job Flows	-1,754	200
Job Creation	4,900	6,738
New Hires	16,771	21,140
Separations	21,206	25,473
Turnover	8.60%	9.80%
Avg Monthly Earnings	\$3,113.00	\$2,899.50
Avg New Hire Earnings	\$1,795.00	\$1,700.00

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics.



Consumer Price Index

1 Month Percent Change

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Midwest Urban Average

All items

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2006	0.6	-0.1	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	-0.7	-0.7	0.3	0.1
2007	0.1	0.7	0.5									

12 Months Percent Change

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Midwest Urban Average

All items

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2006	3.6	3.0	3.1	2.8	3.3	3.4	3.3	2.8	0.6	0.1	1.3	1.7
2007	1.2	2.0	2.3									

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Top 10 Industries Ranked by Number of New Hires

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Private Firms Only

Average

Quarterly New

Hire

Employment

(2005Q2-

2006Q1)

Average Quarterly

Employment

(2005Q2-2006Q1)

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Rank	Industry	Employment (2005Q2- 2006Q1)	Average Quarterly Employment (2005Q2-2006Q1)	Hiring Growth (2005Q1,2 006Q1)	Average Monthly Earnings(2 005Q2,- 2006Q1)
	All NAICS subsectors	11,087	116,217	-2,553	\$2,919
1	Administrative and Support Services	2,371	9,352	-1,388	\$1,698
2	Food Services and Drinking Places	1,033	7,635	-269	\$1,027
3	Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	672	10,515	-566	\$3,180
4	Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	536	3,150	464	\$1,950
5	Warehousing and Storage	427	3,410	-66	\$1,991
6	General Merchandise Stores	369	3,518	62	\$1,774
7	Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	352	4,878	-56	\$3,445
8	Machinery Manufacturing	331	7,360	5	\$5,450
9	Amusement, Gambling, and Recreation Industries	329	5,373	-20	\$2,642
10	Ambulatory Health Care Services	270	3,793	-101	\$3,637

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Local Employment Dynamics

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